(d) The funding pattern for release of funds to the Special Category States under APDRP has been adopted as per the criteria laid down by NDC.

Claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab

3112. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission has prepared a background paper regarding claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) A Committee was constituted in Central Electricity Authority in February, 1999 for preparing a background paper on sharing of power in the hydroelectric power stations of Punjab. The Committee invited of the concerned States in the matter. After analyzing various points raised by the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh in support of their claims and in the absence of the observations of Government of Punjab, the Committee concluded that it would be in the best interest of all the concerned States that the agreement already reached between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and Government of India on 10.05.1984 be followed.

Power connection expense

†3113. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to bear the power connection expenses by Government with regard to rural families in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposal; and

(c) the assessment made with regard to total expenditure for the implementation of said proposal?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.